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Aboriginal Banking
By Lindsay Wileniec

A few years ago, Chief Darcy Bear and Whitecap Dakota First Nation formed an important relationship with Bank of Montreal. Unlike other domestic banks, BMO offered Whitecap Dakota First Nation longer, more favorable lending terms for on-reserve infrastructure projects.

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**Entrepreneur's peers warned her she
wouldn't be successful**

(Globe and Mail)

As an Anishinaabe Métis woman, I am a proud indigenous Canadian. Born in Winnipeg and raised in Regina, I had lived in many cities across Canada and have worked in recruitment and search for 28 years. In 1996, I returned to Winnipeg and found myself working in executive search with one of the larger human resources consulting firms.

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Future entrepreneurs learn the art of a good business plan

(Treaty 4 News)

A group of First Nation women spent the last three days learning how to write a successful business plan. The Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations, along with Women Entrepreneurs of Saskatchewan, hosted a three-day entrepreneurial workshop for women and youth. Erica Morin would like to someday open her own spa and nail salon.

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Chief Darcy Bear wins business achievement award (Saskatoon Star Phoenix)

The award recognizes a First Nations, Inuit or Métis person whose leadership and success in business has contributed to the economic and social well-being of aboriginal people in Canada.



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First Nations leaders discuss economic development in Saskatoon (Global News)

In 2004, Whitecap signed on for the federal government's Land Management Act, allowing the community to lease and tax land. It also permitted infrastructure investments in things like roads, sewers and street lights.

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Canada aboriginal head says development may be easier under new PM

(Business Insider)

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's move to reach out to aboriginal groups could make it easier for natural resource companies to complete major projects, some of which are stalled.



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Rule changes to reserve lands mark new hope for indigenous businesses

(The Globe and Mail)

A proposal for a gas station, restaurant and gift shop alongside Highway 69 near Parry Sound, Ont., is more than a small business plan.



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